

A black and white illustration showing a woman seated in a high-backed chair, reading a book to two children. A young girl sits on the left, also holding a book. A young boy stands in the center, looking at the book held by the woman. The scene is set indoors, with a simple wall and floor indicated by lines.

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D. C. C.
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